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Political Developments

Baghdad Radio Calls US POWs "Killers"

Baghdad radio said coalition pilots captured by Iraq should be treated as killers of women, children, and old people, not as soldiers waging war against other soldiers. The editorial placed the pilots' actions in the context of past Western "colonialism, racism, arrogance, and aggression" and said coalition pilots deliberately bombed residential districts and civilian installations.

Comment. The editorial is intended to lower the morale of coalition troops and foster antiwar sentiment on the allied home fronts. The vehemence of the attack signals that the Iraqis will continue mistreating the POWs. Iraqi officials have repeatedly stated that Iraq is free to violate the prisoner of war clauses of the Geneva Convention because US aggression and the UN embargo also violate the Convention.

New Italian Gulf Naval Commander

Italy appointed Rear Admiral Enrico Martinotti today to replace Vice Admiral Mario Buracchia, who resigned Tuesday after expressing doubts about the coalition's decision to go to war, according to press.

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